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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1116
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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BEIRUT PLEASE PASS TO USINT BAGHDAD

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SUBJ: IRAN/IRAQ RELATIONS

AT AUDIENCE AFTERNOON APRIL 16, SHAH INDICATED THAT IRAQI VICE PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN WOULD BE COMING TO TEHRAN LATER IN THE MONTH. (PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD BE VISITING IRAN AROUND APRIL 28.) SHAH STATED THAT IT WAS SADDAM HUSSEIN WHO WAS PUSHING FOR A VISIT THIS SOON. ASKED WHETHER OR NOT THE IRQIS WERE COOPERATING WITH THE IRANIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES IN ATTEMPTING TO KEEP COMMUNISTS OUT OF CONTROL OF THE KURDISH MOVEMENT, THE SHAH SAID THAT UP TILL NOW LITTLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON THIS COLLABORATION. HE INDICATED THAT WHEN ONE OF HIS SAVAK OFFICERS TALKED TO AN OPPOSITE NUMBER IN THE IRAQI SECURITY SERVICE, THE LATTER SAID THAT THERE WAS NOTHING HE COULD DO SINCE THE COMMUNISTS WERE OFFICIALLY PART OF THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT. NEVERTHELESS, THE SHAH HAD PASSED TO SADDAM HUSSEIN RECENTLY INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT LEFT-WING LEADERSHIP OF THE KURDS WAS SPRINGING UP IN KURDISTAN. SADDAM HUSSEIN ACKNOWLEDGED THIS MESSAGE WITH GRATITUDE AND INDICATED THAT HE WOULD TAKE STEPS TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION. IN ANY EVENT, THIS WILL BE AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA WHEN SADDAM HUSSEIN
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VISITS HERE. INCIDENTALLY, THE SHAH NOTED KOSYGIN'S

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REFERENCE TO THE KURDISH MINORITY IN A SPEECH HE GAVE
DURING SADDAM HUSSEIN'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. HE TOOK AS A
GOOD SIGN THE FACT THAT IN HIS REPLY SADDAM HUSSEIN DUCKED
ANY DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION.
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